



The Night Sky Festival is back!

Join us Aug. 19-21 to celebrate the night sky with special programs. More information will be coming to: go.nps.gov/shennightsky

Bringing your pet with you?

Pets must be on a 6’ physical leash at *all times*. Waste bags should never be left along trails, on trail posts, or in trees. If a trash receptacle is not immediately available, take the waste bag with you until you find one. Pets are prohibited on the following trails: Fox Hollow, Stony Man, Limberlost, Post Office Junction to Old Rag Shelter, Old Rag Ridge, Old Rag Saddle, Ridge Access, Dark Hollow Falls, Story of the Forest, Bearfence Mountain, and Frazier Discovery.

Pack it in, Pack it out.

Keeping food and trash from bears and other animals

is essential to their well-being, as well as yours. We need your help! Unlike a city park, Shenandoah is just too vast (200,000 acres and 500 miles of trails) to have conveniently placed animal-proof trash receptacles everywhere. So, you may need to carry your trash and pet waste with you for a bit until you get to an area with receptacles — think lodges, picnic areas, visitor centers, etc. Or, better yet! Take it home with you!

Old Rag Day-Use Ticket

Due to overcrowding and damage to resources, Shenandoah National Park is limiting the number of visitors to the Old Rag area. In addition to your entrance fee or pass, **you must have a day-use ticket** to access the Old Rag area including Ridge, Saddle and Ridge Access trails. **Tickets are not available onsite.** Please get your tickets at www.recreation.gov in advance of your arrival. For more information, visit go.nps.gov/oldragticket

Tips for Your Visit

- Plan ahead with the official NPS App. **Be sure to download (free) content for offline use before arriving in the Park as coverage is unreliable!** Find out more information at: go.nps.gov/app
- Stay on the hiking trail and never climb around waterfalls.
- Fires are only allowed in park-built grates or fire rings. Fires must be fully extinguished.
- Never leave food or trash unattended, even for a few minutes. Secure all trash in bear-resistant trash cans or dumpsters.
- Drive the posted speed limit and be sure to pull completely off the road when viewing wildlife.
- Don’t rely on your cell phone; coverage is unreliable.
- Try to avoid crowds! If a parking area is full, move on to another trail or overlook.
- Drones are prohibited in all national parks.
- For future visits, get your entrance pass online: recreation.gov/sitepass/74293
- Be aware: cars and bikes share the road. Despite recent changes to Virginia laws, federal regulations require bicyclists to ride single file at all times in Shenandoah National Park.

Visitor Services Schedule | May 27 – September 5

Gasoline

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Visitor Centers

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6 and
Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sun-Thu)
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Fri/Sat)
Open Daily: Exhibits, information, Park Stores
Theaters closed at both locations for renovation
Park Stores are located inside both Visitor Centers and are operated by the Shenandoah National Park Association.

Food/Dining

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Open daily. Carry-out, snacks, light fare.
Skyland Dining Room - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks. Call (540) 999-2212 for hours
Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
(Food service begins July 1)
Open daily. Food service, grab'n go foo.
Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Call (540) 999-2222 for hours
Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
(Retail store open April 15, food service begins July 1)

Taprooms

Skyland Taproom - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Open daily at 3 p.m. Food service and beverages

Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51
Open daily at 3 p.m. Food service and beverages.

Lodging

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Front desk: (540) 999-2212. Lodging includes rooms overlooking the Shenandoah Valley, cabins, suites, pet-friendly rooms
Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Front desk: (540) 999-2222. Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available
Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2
Registration desk: (540) 999-2255. Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables and fire-pit grills. Pet-friendly rooms available

Gift Shops

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, books
Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, jam
Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries
Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing
Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing

Campgrounds

**There are no electric hookups at any of our campgrounds.*

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2
\$30 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, no showers
Big Meadows - Mile 51
\$30 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites. Group sites available. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry
Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2
\$30 - First-come, first-served sites only. Coin showers, laundry
Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5
\$30 - Reservable and first-come, first-served sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry
Dundo Group - Mile 83.4
\$75 - Three groups sites of 7 to 20 persons per group. Reservations only at www.recreation.gov. Check in at Loft Mountain Campground

Campstores

Open daily. Groceries, batteries, and camping supplies
Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2
Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5

Horseback Riding

Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5
Rides begin June 3
1-hour rides offered daily
Reservations: (540) 999-2213

Schedule begins Thursday, May 26 and ends Monday, September 5

Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
All Things Shenandoah Ranger Talk - Come and enjoy this short talk on the various subjects that make Shenandoah great. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center Lawn (mile 4.6), 20-30 min</i>	 	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Dickey Ridge Star Party - Join a Ranger for an exploration of the night sky. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center grass lawn (mile 4.6), 45 min</i>	 	This program starts Saturday, June 25, at Dickey Ridge.						9:00 p.m.
Mathews Arm (22.2), Elkwallow (24)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Wild About Bears! - Celebrate Shenandoah’s largest mammal. <i>Elkwallow Wayside (mile 24), 20-30 min</i>	 	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Young Naturalists Program - Discover Shenandoah at this hands-on program designed for children (accompanied by an adult). <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater (mile 22.2), 45 min, less than ½-mile walk</i>								4:00 p.m.
Traces Trail Hike - Join us for a family-friendly exploration of this forested loop hike. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater parking lot (mile 22.2), 1 hr, 1.7-mile easy loop trail</i>		3:00 p.m.			3:00 p.m.			
Appalachian Trail Hike - Starting Monday, June 20. Join a Ranger for a hike along the famous Appalachian Trail to a great view. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water. <i>Parking area south of Hogback Overlook at the kiosk (mile 21), 1-½ hrs, easy 1.6-mile walk</i>			10:30 a.m.	This program starts Monday, June 20.				
Mathews Arm Evening Program - Join a Ranger for a national park tradition. Check visitor centers for topics. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater (mile 22.2), 45 min</i>	 						7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Mathews Arm Star Party - See Dickey Ridge description. <i>Mathews Arm Campground Amphitheater parking lot (mile 22.2), 45 min</i>	 	9:00 p.m.						
Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Stony Man Hike - Stony Man has stories, both historic and natural. <i>Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7), 2 hrs, 2-mile hike</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Limberlost Trail Hike - Learn about geology and nature on this gentle, accessible hike. <i>Meet at Limberlost parking lot (mile 43), 1 hr, 1-mile</i>		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.
Massanutten Lodge Open House - Tour Addie Pollock’s restored bungalow and hear the stories of early Skyland. <i>Located at Skyland lower-level (mile 42.5). Park near Skyland Conference Hall</i>			2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Skyland Historic Tour - Tour the grounds and hear the stories of historic Skyland on this short, gentle walk. <i>Meet at Skyland Conference Hall parking (mile 42.5), 1 hr</i>			4:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.		4:30 p.m.	
Skyland Evening Program - See Mathews Arm description. Dress for cool mountain nights. <i>Skyland Amphitheater (mile 42.5), 45 min</i>	 		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows (mile 51), Lewis Mountain (mile 57.2)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Walk - Learn the ABCs of the CCC boys in this 45-min easy walking tour. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51)</i>		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Meadow Walk - Experience a high-elevation wetland meadow on this gentle walk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1-½ hrs, 1-mile walk</i>			10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Wild About Bears Talk - Celebrate Shenandoah’s largest mammal. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 20-30 min</i>	 	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
All Things Shenandoah Ranger Talk - See Dickey Ridge description. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 15-25 min</i>	 	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Appalachian Trail Hike - Take a short journey on this famous trail. <i>Meet at Milam Gap parking area (mile 52.4), 2 hrs, gentle 2.1 miles</i>			2:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.			
Young Naturalists Program - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 1-½ hrs, less than 1-mile walk</i>				2:30 p.m.				2:30 p.m.
Lewis Mountain Evening Program - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Lewis Mountain Amphitheater (mile 57.2), 45 min</i>							7:30 p.m.	
Big Meadows Evening Program - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater (mile 51), 45 min</i>	 	8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.		8:30 p.m.
Big Meadows Star Party - See Dickey Ridge description. <i>Park at Rapidan Fire Road (mile 51.2), 45 min</i>	 			9:30 p.m.		9:30 p.m.		9:30 p.m.
Historic Rapidan Camp - Travel by van 30 minutes to President Hoover’s summer retreat. Reservations are required and can be made online at www.recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. <i>Byrd Visitor Center (mile 51), 2-½ hrs. Check for other tour times at www.recreation.gov</i>	 	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.			10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Loft Mountain Evening Program - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 min</i>	 							8:30 p.m.
Loft Mountain Star Party - See Dickey Ridge description. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 min</i>	 						9:30 p.m.	
Young Naturalists Program - See Mathews Arm description. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater (mile 79.5), 45 min, less than ½-mile walk</i>								11:00 a.m.

Programs may be canceled in the event of lightning or other extreme conditions. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water on hikes.